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**Amendment to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(currently amended)** A method for ~~making a diagnosis~~ determining an increased risk of sepsis in a patient following a sepsis-risk event, said method comprising determining the amount of anti-asialo-G<sub>M1</sub> antibodies (anti-AG<sub>M1</sub> antibodies) of the IgG and/or IgA type in blood, ~~a or~~ blood fraction ~~or secretion~~ of a patient following ~~a the~~ sepsis-risk event, wherein an elevated concentration of anti-asialo-G<sub>M1</sub> antibodies in said blood compared to a healthy individual is indicative of an increased risk of sepsis.
- 2-3. **(cancelled)**
4. **(previously amended)** The method according to Claim 1, wherein said determining step is carried out with an assay type selected from a sandwich assay, a competitive assay and an agglutination assay.
- 5-14. **(cancelled)**
15. **(currently amended)** The method of claim ~~14~~1, wherein said sepsis risk-inducing event is surgery, burn, or trauma.
16. **(cancelled)**
17. **(currently amended)** The method of claim ~~14~~1, further comprising determining the level of procalcitonin, wherein increased levels of procalcitonin and anti-AG<sub>M1</sub> antibodies of the IgG and/or IgA type when compared to normal individuals indicate an increased risk of the patient developing sepsis.